

Children's Serial Story

THE TARGET OF FLAME.

By Paul Holmes.
Chapter Seventeen.
The Eve of the Battle.



As Francois L'Verne looked on the muzzle of the soldier's rifle two thoughts rushed into his mind. One was that it meant almost sure death to move; the other that it would mean a certain death to allow himself to be captured. He would betray his country. And that fraction of a second he heard a shot ring out across the street. He saw Barrois throw his hands over his head and fall to the ground.

That decided him. With a sharp yell he flung himself to one side. As he did so the soldier fired and the bullet whizzed so close to L'Verne's head that he felt the wind of it. The boy was on his feet in a moment, and in a few quick leaps he had covered the distance to the corner of the street. He was running as fast as he could when he turned into momentary shelter behind the house. Here he found a scene of peaceful quiet. The well-kept yard was deserted. The excitement of an old man who was contentedly smoking an ancient pipe on the back porch. Without an instant's hesitation Francois ran up the main street and called out: "Quick! If you have a drop of French blood in your veins, hide me!"

The old man looked at him for a moment. Then he said quickly: "Boy, what's the shooting about?" "Quick!" he said. "Well, boy, I did my part in '70, and I've been looking for chance to do it again. Just come with me." The man led him into the house, and the door had just been closed when the little back yard was full of German soldiers. The first of them came with a loud knock on the door. "Go into the front yard, boy," said the old man. "I'll talk to 'em." Francois did as he was bid at once, and his rescuer closed the door. An officer stood in the opening. L'Verne waited to see no more but hurried into the next room. Here he found windows which opened on the street and looked out.

The street was deserted with the exception of several cavalry horses which roamed about. The officer who was evidently guarding the horses. The rest were hunting for himself and Barrois. He turned again and disappeared behind the door. "We must search the house, sir," the man came around here. Step aside. And then an idea came to him. He went to the door and opened it. He saw the officer's revolver, he smashed the glass with the butt of it. Then he took a long, steady aim and fired. With the report the guard outside dropped to the ground.

There was obstacle between him and the church with the secret room now. The church lay only two blocks away and with good luck he figured that he ought to reach it before he was caught sight of again. There was no need to urge the horse for the animal was covering the ground in great leaps, and Francois inwardly resolved that if he ever got out of Rolleaux alive he should see that the animal was well taken care of.

Shortly after they wheeled around another corner and there was the church. In full view. At least there was a church, and from Barrois' description it should be the right one. "We're safe!" he cried as he stroked the neck of the faithful horse. But he spoke too soon, for at that instant another detachment of German cavalry appeared on the street a block away. They saw him, and with sudden dismay in his heart he wheeled his steed up short. With sounds of delight they spurred their horses forward.

L'Verne looked backward, but already his pursuers had reached that point and were in full view. In desperation he urged his horse straight ahead. Startled, the oncoming soldiers watched their supposed quarry hearing down on them. For an instant they hesitated. In that instant L'Verne had halved the distance between himself and the church. With a mighty cry he sprang from his saddle and the soldiers saw him. He had evidently been built for smaller objects than himself. But he managed to shove himself through, and in a moment later he found himself in the spacious interior of the church.

Here all was quiet, and from the must which rested on everything it had evidently been a long time since the church had been much used. But L'Verne had no time for meditation. Following Barrois' directions, he found a little room in which the chinks were kept. Here should be the secret room, he thought, and stay there until the pursuit was given up. Then at eleven o'clock he would come out, and get together a pile of inflammable material to be the target for France's artillery. The people of Rolleaux, he knew, would bear him no malice for the burning of their church. They would dedicate all of their churches to no noble a purpose.

And then Francois commenced the search for the secret room. Chapter Eighteen. The Battle of Rolleaux.

It was eleven o'clock. Colonel Depaure sat impudently at his table. Aside from himself there was no one in the little room. On the table before him lay the colonel's watch. Depaure watched it sullenly as it ticked away the minutes.

In one hour he must order the charge. He must send his whole column of infantry into Rolleaux under the protection of the big guns. But what if the guns could not get the range? Then, indeed, would the odds

be against him. His military career depended on the success of the approaching battle, and he knew it. And still he had received no word from his messengers who had gone into Rolleaux to fire the target. Still, Keats and L'Verne had not returned. So he waited, and as the watch ticked on his face grew darker and his breath came faster.

And so the time passed away. At fifteen minutes to twelve the door burst unceremoniously open. Captain D'Arnilly rushed in, his face flushed and his eyes sparkling. "I have to report, sir," he cried, "that the target of flame burns in Rolleaux, and all is well."

Depaure arose, and as the man's words sunk into his mind a wonderful change took place upon his countenance. "Thank God!" he murmured simply.

And at twelve the French guns broke loose. With such a target as they saw before them in the flames of the burning Rolleaux, they were trying to shoot the Germans knew what had happened. Bombs exploded on right and left. Great buildings toppled over and fell in a mass of ruins.

In little parks and squares the Germans were forming for battle. In the fortress other soldiers were trying to shoot the guns into action. It was a wild scene, the night turned into day by the flash of powder, half clothed men, begimed with powder and smoke, rushing about in wild confusion. German officers dunning about, trying to rally their men.

Then came the infantry, great columns of it, pouring into the city and the lines of all resistance were broken. Red and white coated men were everywhere, always in perfect order, always calm and efficient. Resistance was useless. The hated French could not be denied.

Field Marshal von Mackenbourg was the first to grasp the truth. That was why he hurried himself into his automobile and with his staff sped out of the doomed city. He had almost allowed himself to be captured. But was it any better to flee in this manner, leaving his army annihilated behind him?

The flight of the general was the last straw. The Germans broke and rushed out of the city in wild rout. Ten minutes later French arms were in possession of the town.

Colonel Depaure and his staff rode in state through the main street of the captured city. Breaking through the lines of the French, a young man half clothed in German uniform, his face covered with a short growth of beard, and having the general appearance of a fanatic, rushed toward the officer's car. The soldiers seeing him and suspecting an evil intent, would have fired, but Depaure recognized the tattered soldier and raised his hand in warning.

Welcome, Francois L'Verne!" he cried. "You have indeed done well!" And the colonel held the door of the auto open for him. Francois took the seat, and side by side with the victorious colonel he rode through the streets. Everywhere was ovation and cheering. The French who had fired so long under German rule were glad indeed to see their country's flag back triumphant.

In a cell in the chateau prison when Barrois was found and rescued, the child, and Francois had parted in the street that afternoon he had been shot in the shoulder and had been turned. But when Barrois' story was added to what Depaure already knew of the boy's great deed, the estimation of the boy was great indeed.

"You not only warned Barrois to light the target, but when he failed, you got him and yourself out of prison, and Barrois being captured again, won out against overwhelming odds and fired the target yourself," he cried in admiration. "I promised you a two months' furlough, and the rank of captain," he went on. "Well, take the furlough, but if we can't do more for you than give you a captaincy we are not very appreciative."

And so L'Verne went to Paris for two months. What he did there and the things which happened in the French capital during that time may be related in another story.

were called here Saturday by the sudden death of her father, the late Charles North.

Miss Alma Kelhofer leaves for her home in Sharon, Wis., to spend her Xmas vacation.

Orfordville News

Orfordville, Dec. 22.—Leonard Johnson, who is attending the university at Madison, came home on Thursday and will spend a portion of the holiday vacation with his father, B. M. Johnson.

Joe Flint of Hanover transacted business in the village for a short time on Thursday.

H. C. Taylor of Beloit was attending to business matters in the village on Friday.

Perry Burrness of Alton, Iowa, arrived in the village on Thursday and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Burrness, and other relatives.

He is in the employ of the Northwestern railroad in the Hawkeye state.

School closed in the village on Friday for the holiday vacation of two weeks. Principal Mithum will spend the time at the parental home at Viola and Marie Lavery will also go to her home at Three Rivers, Minn.

Brotherhood, and Jennie Kearney, who is keeping house in the village, will be the only one of the force of teachers to remain in Orfordville.

M. N. Leland left on Friday for Jackson Junction, Iowa, where he will spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Leland, who has been visiting with relatives in Minneapolis. They will not return until after New Year's.

Christmas was duly observed at the school on Friday afternoon. The exercises were conducted in the gymnasium and were under the auspices of the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades. A fine program was a feature of the exercises and the children from the lower grades enjoyed the afternoon in the interchanging of gifts. A large number of visitors were present.

Whitewater News

WHITEWATER GIRL DIES FROM BURNS

Whitewater, Dec. 22.—The second death in the Lentz family accident occurred yesterday morning at nine o'clock. Mabel Lentz, aged twenty, died of burns. Mr. Lentz was some better last evening, but the son, Lawrence, was worse. The fumes of the explosion inhaled from the cries for help had practically cooked the throat and lungs. Mrs. Lentz was quite badly burned from putting out the fire of the burning clothing.

Miss Charlotte Wood is spending the holiday vacation at Appleton. There will be a joint meeting of the Delphic and Clay clubs this afternoon at the high school.

Ernest Fricker of this city and Miss Hazel Elbertus of Milwaukee were married at Milwaukee last Saturday. They will make their home here, he being employed at the Corner hardware store.

Miss Elvira Braaten is home from her school at Huron, South Dakota, for the holiday vacation.

Miss Jennie Sherrill is spending her vacation at Madison.

LIMA

Lima, Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Herrington of Mechanicstown, Ohio, have been spending the week with their cousin, Mrs. A. G. Word, who has been received here that D. E. Harris, a former Lima resident, who has been very low with pneumonia at his home in Delton, Wis., is on the gain.

The school entertainment given in Emerson's hall last evening was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson will entertain relatives from Whitewater on Sunday.

One of the toughest things to do is to push on a rope.

AN ESSENTIAL TO

BETTER HEALTH

GOOD DIGESTION

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HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Collier, from Chicago, are here to spend Christmas at their parental home.

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Evansville News

[SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.] Evansville, Dec. 22.—This evening the Evansville basketball quintette are to battle for honors with the Elkhorn five. The game is to be played in Elkhorn. Eight men under the supervision of G. R. McArthur left at two-thirty this afternoon for Janesville, where they made connection on the St. Paul railroad for Elkhorn.

The game this evening will be the first interscholastic basketball game of the season for the locals and it is hoped that they may start the ball a rolling with a victory. It is understood, however, that Elkhorn has a team and are exceptionally hard to defeat on their own floor. The result of the game will be phoned from Elkhorn to Knezer's. The score should be in by ten o'clock.

At the last meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Baptist church the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Stella Pease, president; Edith Hynes, vice-president; Edith Hynes, corresponding secretary; Isabel Greenwood, recording secretary; and William Cornwell, treasurer.

Stella Pease is visiting friends in Oshkosh for a week. She plans to spend the holidays with other friends in Appleton.

Miss Alma Noble is spending the holidays with her parents at Livingston, Wis.

James Thomas has gone to Cobb, where he will spend the holiday recess with his parents.

Miss Ruth Christman returned to her home in Evansville this afternoon from Stout Institute, located at Menomonie, Wis.

Miss Ethel Van Wart has arrived home from Madison where she has been attending the university.

Miss Olive Robinson has returned home from Appleton where she is attending Lawrence college. Regular college exercises do not end until this week Friday, but Miss Robinson was excused along with a number of others, when the pipes in one of the dormitories froze and burst.

Miss Barbara Pearsall returned home from Madison yesterday. Miss Beth Baker of Madison arrived today.

This Week's Check

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EVANSVILLE, WIS.

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rived home last evening. Miss Lura Morrison leaves Saturday night for Chetek, where she will spend Christmas.

Miss Marjorie Wilder, who has been teaching in Iowa, returned home yesterday.

Terry Durner and Calvert Cain arrived home last evening from Milwaukee.

Helen Poppel of Janesville is visiting in Evansville.

Lyman Howe's travel festival will be given this evening in Evansville.

The office of the American Express company has been moved two doors east to the shop formerly occupied by the Princess millinery shop.

High school and the local grades closed for the Christmas vacation today. Most of the teachers left this afternoon or evening for their homes.

Miss Alma Brunzell will arrive Sunday for a visit with her parents.

Miss Mary Black is leaving Saturday for Fort Atkinson where she will spend Christmas with her parents.

After having finished her millinery season at the Grange store, Miss Minnie Peterson is leaving Saturday for her home in Oregon.

Clyde Fisher is the holder of the sweepstakes gold medal prize awarded to the owner of the best male bird on exhibition at the Beloit poultry show, December 14-20.

Blumenberg were united in marriage at noon yesterday at the home of the bride's father, William Kleinsmith.

The Christmas cantata, "Bethlehem," by Paul Bliss, will be rendered by the Treble Clef choir of the Congregational church on Sunday evening. This is the annual Christmas cantata and the public is invited to attend.

Congregational Church. The Christmas exercises of the Congregational Sunday school will be held Saturday evening at 7:30. A program by the pupils of the Sunday school, a Christmas tree and the usual features of such an entertainment will be given. There will be special services on Sunday in commemoration of the Christmas festival, 10:30 a. m. There will be special music with sermon by the pastor on the theme, "Incarnation, or the Word Became Flesh." This sermon is the third in the series, "The Meaning of Christmas." At 7:30 p. m. there will be a Christmas cantata, entitled, "Bethlehem." This cantata will be given by the several choirs. Church school meeting immediately after the morning service. Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30 p. m. Malcolm F. Miller, pastor.

Methodist Episcopal Church. "The Christmas Story," at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:45. Epworth League at 6:30. "The Christmas Message" at 7:30. Special music at three of the services. Come and worship with us. Special Christmas program under the auspices of the Sunday school Saturday night at eight o'clock—a bigger, better program than last year. Come and enjoy it. Golden Riley Lawrence, pastor.

First Baptist Church. Next Sunday morning, Prof. F. W. Winton will preach. The choir will sing, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," by Schnecker. The Sunday school will meet at 11:45. The Young People's service at 6:30, and at 7:30 there will be a musical service by the choir and others. Public invited.

St. John's Church. Christmas services: Children's service Saturday evening at 7:30. Sunday morning, celebration of the Holy Eucharist 7:30 a. m. Christmas celebration of the Holy Eucharist and sermon, 10:30 a. m. All are cordially invited to attend these services. The Rev. Le Roy A. Jahr, pastor in charge.

100,000 PITTSBURGHERS OUT WITH THREE MILLION IN SPENDING MONEY TODAY

[SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.] Pittsburgh, Dec. 23.—One hundred thousand men and boys with \$3,000,000 in their pockets gave the Christ-

mas shopping symphony a grand finale today.

They are the workers in the big steel and munition plants of the Pittsburgh district—probably the highest-priced army of skilled and unskilled workmen in the country today.

Nearly all of them were paid within the last 24 hours but this was the half-holiday when they were expected to cash in at the stores.

Hundreds of these who received fat envelopes are men whose earnings have been above \$3,000 for the year. At a hearing in Turtle Creek recently, three workers told Justice Riddle that they had made, respectively, \$4,100, \$4,500, \$4,800. As many of the "boys"—16 to 21—receive from \$5 to \$10 per day the men who eke out only about \$3,500 isn't such a much.

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We hope every one will have a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

FRANK D. KIMBALL

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GREETINGS

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So I wish you "Happy Christmas"

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The girl catches her dress reeling from her mother. And if the family is able to go the pace, the shoes are the most expensive part of the outfit, but the boy goes outside the family to keep in style. He don't expect to go to college, but he has an ambition to look like a frat for a few minutes. While the looking is good, and in his

The Sunlit Bakery on the Hill.

A New Year whose every day shall bring your share of sunshine and the end of which shall have found you healthy, beloved of your fellow men and prosperous.

The abolition of alcohol from the home would destroy the business of saloons and would deprive many men of their means of livelihood. It would diminish the efficiency on the part of workmen in general; and would quickly diminish the income of the large percentage of those who are dependent through its ravages, are confined in hospitals and asylums. Moreover, it would necessarily destroy the means of support of the large number of children born with physical and mental defects because of an alcoholized condition in a parent. It appears to me that the owners of factories and the owners of large stores of merchandise, as much care as eliminating saloons from the vicinity of their plants as is at present shown by saloonkeepers in their endeavor to locate near factories, bars and taverns should be taken in the handling

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READ GAZETTE WANT ADS

REV. F. H. BRIGHAM CALLED BY DEATH

PASSED AWAY AT MERCY HOSPITAL EARLY THIS MORNING, FOLLOWING OPERATION.

FUNERAL ON TUESDAY

Noted Divine in Methodist Church—Interment Will be at Appleton on Wednesday.

News of the death of Reverend Francis H. Brigham, pastor of the Central Methodist church, following an operation, comes as a distinct shock to the entire city. One of the strongest, most energetic and successful leaders of the church, he was a well-known and respected figure in the community. His death is a great loss to the church and to the city.



REV. FRANCIS H. BRIGHAM.

hood, his death is a source of sorrow to all who had come in contact with his loving spirit. Taken suddenly ill on Wednesday, he was taken to Mercy hospital and died early this morning. His funeral will be held at the Central Methodist church on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p. m.

Rev. Brigham was born in Hubbardston, Mass., Nov. 3, 1873, and died in Janesville, Wis., Dec. 23, 1916. His early life was spent in the east. He attended the high school at Barre, Mass., and for two years was a student at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. A business venture led him to seek a place in the west, where in Sedalia, Mo., he lived for a time. In that state he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church. He was then called to the church at Janesville, where he served as pastor for several years. His death is a great loss to the church and to the city.

He joined the St. Louis conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in 1896. Three years were spent in that conference and when Dr. Masden was pastor of the Grand Avenue church in Milwaukee, he was called to be assistant pastor of that church in 1899, and in that year he was transferred to the Wisconsin conference. He served as pastor of the church at Waupun, Wis., for several years, where he was called to be pastor of the church at Appleton, Wis., in 1908. He served the First church at Green Bay.

In 1899 he married Laura Alice Shock of Sedalia, Mo., who with his mother and five daughters live to mourn his untimely death. He was a devoted father and a loving husband. He was a member of the C. E. C. and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He was a member of the C. E. C. and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin. He was a member of the C. E. C. and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

The church has lost one of its commanding preachers. It seemed that he was just at the beginning of a very remarkable career as a pulpiteer. The whole community is mourning the loss of a great leader. The funeral services will be held at the Central Methodist church on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. and at Appleton on Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p. m.

Basketball at the Rink tonight.

Stockholders' Meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants and Savings Bank of Janesville, Wisconsin, will be held at the office of the bank on Tuesday afternoon, January 2, 1917, at 4:30 o'clock, P. M. for the election of Directors and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before such meeting.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Will Craig of Ohio is visiting her son Frank and other relatives. Mrs. Craig was formerly Alice Stapleton of the town of Center.

Miss Flossie Mighel of Aurora, Ill., and Vern Terry of Mooshearth, Ill., are spending the holidays with Mr. Terry's parents, and Mrs. John L. Terry of Le Prairie.

Miss Anna Diller, from Chicago, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Frank McDermott, of South Franklin street. Miss Dorothy MacLean of the Michaelis apartments is home for her vacation from the Milwaukee normal.

Harold Stickney came home from Notre Dame university on Thursday. He will remain until after New Year's.

Colton Sayles is home for several days. He is a student at the University of Wisconsin. He is a student at the University of Wisconsin.

Miss Alice Clithero of Milwaukee avenue, will be the over-Sunday guest of friends in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanborn of Court street, will spend Christmas in Chicago with relatives.

Miss Josephine Corbett will go to Chicago on Monday where she will spend several days with relatives.

Miss Mary Klingbell will spend her holiday vacation at her home in Sharon, Wis.

Miss Elizabeth Schicker of St. Lawrence avenue, will leave this evening for Minneapolis, where she will spend the holidays with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Solon D. Rider.

Miss Margaret Smith of Milwaukee avenue, and Miss Cecil Buggs of West Bluff street, are home from the Milwaukee Downer college to spend their vacations.

Miss Genevieve Ryan of South Main street, is home from the university at Madison to spend her vacation.

HOLD CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Many Donations of Gifts for the Needy of City Made at Christmas Festivities.

A beautiful service, testifying the joy of giving instead of receiving gifts at the Christmas tide, was held at the Baptist church on last evening. The auditorium was nicely decorated with the white, garlands and boughs, and the green of the Christmas tree.

The ceremony of bringing the white gifts as a birthday offering to the King, whose day was being celebrated, was taken from an ancient legend of Cathay, whose story was told by Miss Belle Campbell. How the people in that country, little and big, bring their gifts to the King, each class of the Sunday school had prepared their offering of some special foodstuffs, and it will be distributed today to needy families of the city.

The Cradle Roll had an offering of fruit, nuts, apples and a basket of oranges. The primary department, bread and assorted groceries. Little Miss Virginia Jones of this class sang very sweetly a Christmas song, and Miss Burnett Lloyd recited a poem, "Others." Armful of canned goods, prettily done up in white were brought forward by a host of class girls. A basket of suggestions, "If You Want to Help Santa Claus." A wagonload of packages of coffee from Mrs. Currier's class was delivered by a host of little girls. A hobo outfit of boys brought forward canned goods, and veritable cream of wheat dainties presented packages of that table delicacy.

The Baracca class brought forward a basket of chickens, the Philanthropy class, many 25lb. sacks of flour and several donations of sugar, flour and other commodities were reported. The surprised junior choir gave several selections with their obligato played by Mr. E. J. Gardner.

The male quartette, consisting of Messrs. Bearmore, Feagin, Olson and Horwood gave a very pleasing rendition of a Christmas lullaby. Miss Florence Breese gave a vocal selection, "A Christmas Song," and Miss Bether Barker gave "The Christmas Story of the Gospel." The choir of nine pieces, under the direction of Prof. Thiele, rendered several inspiring selections with good effect.

A close to the exercises Robert Cunningham told the story of the birth of Christ in the lowly manger, with the story of the Christmas story of the subject. The devotional exercises of the evening and the scriptural readings were given by the new pastor, Rev. Pearson.

Basketball at the Rink tonight.

EAGLES ENTERTAIN

KIDDIES TOMORROW

Local Lodge to Give Great Christmas Celebration For All Children of Janesville.

In preparation for the Christmas entertainment which the Eagles are to give for the children of Janesville tomorrow afternoon, the lodge officers are busy with the details of the event. The officers of the order who have planned the event are most desirous of having a large attendance as they have made provision for all the guests during the entertainment.

Parents who might feel timid about entrusting their small children to the care of a few people with so much to do, need have no fears along this line, as all possible precautions have been taken to insure the safety and safety. Special police officers will be on duty during the afternoon and a number of members of the lodge and of the ladies' auxiliary will watch over the kiddies.

The entertainment begins at half past two and includes an interesting program, Christmas songs, and giving of presents to all the little guests.

CHRISTINE MILLER TO SING HERE SOON

Celebrated Contralto in Concert at Congregational Church—Apollo Club Holds Popular Concert.

In accordance with a new policy adopted by the directors of the Apollo club, their next concert by the noted contralto, Christine Miller, will be given at the Congregational church on January 5th, so that a larger number of people will have an opportunity of hearing this great artist. The recital will be a popular one in every sense of the word. The Congregational



CHRISTINE MILLER.

church will accommodate over eight hundred people and as the admittance charged is to be ridiculously small it is expected that the church will be filled to capacity. It is the wish of the Apollo club to offer to all Janesville, rather than to just the members of the club, a musical offering that few cities of this size have. Christine Miller is a true American artist, for despite her pre-eminence in her field she has never studied abroad, as have practically all of her contemporaries of note. Her music is to her, her life and her greatest joy. She is a woman of great charm and personal magnetism, and as Albert Coatsworth says of her in the "Musical News," "she is a musical genius, artistically and personally." Since her childhood she has been thoroughly wrapped up in her music, and as she says, she is a born singer. Critics in all the three or more of the musical press have said she has sung have nothing but praise for her ability and charm.

She is the artist that the Apollo Club will offer to Janesville in its next concert at the Congregational church at "popular" prices and in an auditorium that will accommodate all who wish to attend.

Basketball at the Rink tonight.

GOOD EVENING!

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

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CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Monday, Dec. 25, 12 to 1:30. MYERS HOTEL.

Basketball at the Rink tonight.

I WISH TO CONVEY TO YOU MY APPRECIATION AND THANKS

for the many courtesies you have shown me the past year. Kindly accept my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

E. C. BAUMANN

Basketball at the Rink tonight.

OPEN TONIGHT

This bank is open tonight for the benefit of our patrons. Come in tonight and join our Big Christmas Savings Club, fourth successful year.

The details of our Big Christmas Savings Club are printed on the back page of this paper. Turn to it now and learn how the club is conducted.

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At a meeting of the L. A. F. O. J. 754. The following officers were elected: Past worthy president, Mary Esser; worthy president, Mabel M. Malbon; worthy vice president, Della Dulin; chaplain, Mary Hingham; recording secretary, Gertrude McKelvie; financial secretary, Thelma Sullivan; treasurer, Edna Badger; trustee for one year, Catherine Conroy; inner guard, Goldie Bergdoll; outer guard, Mrs. Shoemaker.

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS.

Ye Lavender Shoppe, 312 Milton avenue, Novelties, Handkerchiefs and Christmas Cards. A new supply of gold chain rosaries and prayer books for Xmas sale at St. Joseph's Convent.

The second entertainment of the Rock Prairie Lecture Course will be given Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, by Miss Peterson, soprano, and Miss Neubecker, reader. Miss Peterson is the leader of the Carfield Avenue choir, corner Third and South Bluff, at time to be in readiness at 1:30 p. m. By order of the Scout Commissioner.

Boy Scouts Attention: Every Scout in the city is urged to be present at a special meeting to be held in the library of the Gazette on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock sharp. Action will be taken to attend the funeral of our late Scoutmaster, Rev. F. H. Brigham, on Tuesday afternoon. On Tuesday each troop will meet and march to the residence, corner Third and South Bluff, at time to be in readiness at 1:30 p. m. By order of the Scout Commissioner.

CHRISTMAS DINNER. Monday, Dec. 25, 12 to 1:30. MYERS HOTEL.

Basketball at the Rink tonight.

"K"

By
Mary Roberts Rinehart

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CHAPTER XII.

When Palmer and Christine returned from their wedding trip Anna Pace made much of the arrival, insisted on dinner for them that night at the little house, must help Christine unpack her trunks and arrange her wedding gifts about the apartment. She was brighter than she had been for days, more interested. The wonders of the troussseau filled her with admiration and a sort of jealous envy for Sidney, who could have none of these things. In a pathetic sort of way she mothered Christine in lieu of her own daughter.

And it was her quick eye that discerned something wrong. Christine was not happy. Under her excitement was an undercurrent of reserve, Anna, rich in maternity if in nothing else, felt it, and in reply to some speech of Christine's that struck her as hard, not quite fitting, she gave her a gentle admonishing.

"Married life takes a little adjusting, my dear," she said. "After we have lived to ourselves for a number of years, it is not easy to live for someone else."

Christine straightened from the tea table she was arranging.

"That's true, of course. But why should the woman do all the adjusting?"

"Men are more set," said poor Anna, who had never been set in anything in her life. "It is harder for them to give in. And, of course, Palmer is older, and his habits—"

"The less said about Palmer's habits the better," flashed Christine. "I appear to have married a bunch of habits."

She gave over her unpacking, and sat down listlessly by the fire, while Anna moved about, busy with the small activities that delighted her.

Christine was not without courage. She was making a brave clutch at happiness. But that afternoon of the first day at home she was terrified. She was glad when Anna went and left her alone by her fire.

The day's exertion had been bad for Anna. Le Moyne found her on the couch in the transformed sewing room, and gave her a quick glance of apprehension. She was propped up, high with pillows, with a bottle of aromatic ammonia beside her.

"Just—short of breath," she panted. "I—must get down. Sidney—is coming home—to supper; and—the others—Palmer and—"

That was as far as she got. K., watch in hand, found her pulse thin, stringy, irregular. He had been prepared for some such emergency, and he hurried into his room for a nitrate. When he came back she was almost unconscious. There was no time even to call Katie. He broke the capsule in a towel, and held it over her face. After a time the spasm relaxed, but her condition remained alarming.

Harriet, who had come home by that time, sat by the couch and held her sister's hand. Only once in the next hour or so did she speak. They had sent for Doctor Ed, but he had not come yet. Harriet was too wretched to notice the professional manner in which K. set to work over Anna.

"I've been a very hard sister to her," she said. "If you can pull her through, I'll try to make up for it."

Christine sat on the stairs outside, frightened and helpless. They had sent for Sidney; but the little house had no telephone, and the message was slow in getting off.

At six o'clock Doctor Ed came panting up the stairs and into the room. K. stood back.

"Well, this is sad, Harriet," said Doctor Ed. "Why in the name of heaven, when I wasn't around, didn't you get another doctor. If she had had some nitrate—"

"I gave her some nitrate of amyl," said K. quietly. "There was really no time to send for anybody. She almost went under at half-past five."

Max had kept his word, and even Doctor Ed did not suspect K.'s secret. He gave a quick glance at this tall young man who spoke so quietly of what he had done for the sick woman, and went on with his work.

Sidney arrived a little after six, and from that moment the confusion in the sickroom was at an end. She moved Christine from the stairs, where Katie on her numerous errands must crawl over her; set Harriet to warming her mother's bed and getting it ready; opened windows, brought order and quiet. And then, with death in her eyes, she took up her position beside her mother. This was no time for weeping; that would come later. Once she turned to K., standing watchfully beside her.

"I think you have known this for a long time," she said. And when he did not answer: "Why did you let me stay away from her? It would have been such a little time!"

"We were trying to do our best for both of you," he replied.

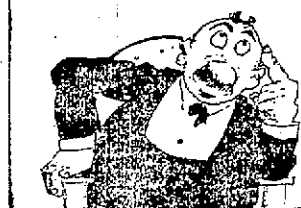
Anna was unconscious and sinking fast. One thought obsessed Sidney. She repeated it over and over. It came as a cry from the depths of the girls' new experience.

"She has had so little of life," she said, over and over. "So little!" Just this Street. She never knew anything else."

And finally K. took it up. "After all, Sidney," he said, "the Street is life; the world is only many streets. She had a great deal. She

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MAN'S EXPRESSION
WHILE LISTENING TO
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AND NOTICE HOW ALL
HIS FEELINGS SEEM
TO RESPOND TO THE
FINE VARIATIONS OF
THE MUSICAL CHORDS—



MARTINI
MILWAUKEE
I LOVE YOU
OBISFO

AND SEE HOW FAMILIAR
HE IS WITH EVERY
NOTE OF THE OPERATIC
SELECTION—



IN HOCKO
BELGRAVIA
CANNED
SALMON
LA MISERY

YOU ENVY HIM FOR HIS
GREAT APPRECIATION OF
CLASSICAL MUSIC AND—



DOUGHRINO
CARRANZA
TOBARCO
TRA LA LA
UMPE

SECRETLY FEEL ASHAMED
OF YOURSELF FOR
NOT KNOWING WHAT
IT IS ALL ABOUT—BUT—



POW!

IT IS A GREAT RELIEF
TO YOU TO DISCOVER
LATER THAT HE, TOO,
HAS BEEN STALLING!

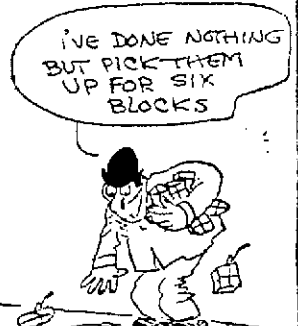


SAY WHAT IS THE
NAME OF THE OPERA
I'VE JUST BEEN
LISTENING
TO?

I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT



THESE SMALL
PACKAGES ARE
A NUISANCE—



I'VE DONE NOTHING
BUT PICK THEM
UP FOR SIX
BLOCKS



WHY DON'T
YOU PUT THEM
ALL IN ONE
BUNDLE?



I NEVER
THOUGHT
OF THAT

Dinner Stories

"Anybody try to sell you gold bricks while you was to town?"

"No," replied Farmer Cornsloss.

"Got them city fellers tamed, we



have. They're so busy lookin' out fur cold storage eggs and imitation butter they ain't got time to think up no more tricks on us innocent, unsuspectin' farmers."

Chairman Hay of the house military committee was talking about industrial preparedness.

"Our bill for industrial preparedness," he said, "will do a lot, but it won't take the place of an army and navy. There has been exaggerated talk about this bill—talk that reminds me of the Arizona man. In a dry, dusty region of Arizona a tourist said to a dry, dusty native:

"Doesn't it ever rain here in Arizona?"

"Rain?" said the native. "Rain? Why, stranger, we got bullfrogs in Arizona over eight years old that hain't learned to swim yet."

In the suburban train the conversation turned on the important subject of economy. Various views were expressed. Then a small man in one corner said slowly:

"A friend of mine—that is he's more of an acquaintance—he ain't spent a nickel in five years."

"Not? What are you givin' us?" and similar remarks greeted this statement.

"Fact!" said the small one briefly, as he lit his pipe. "But he'll be out of jail next week!"

IRIGROYEN OF ARGENTINA TO PUSH 5000 EMPLOYEES OUT FROM PORK BARREL

[SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE] Buenos Aires, Dec. 23.—Terrible lamentation is heard in Argentine official circles here today because the new government headed by President Irigoyen intends January 1 to stop the salaries of all national employees whose services the president does not consider absolutely necessary.

The unofficial estimate is made that about 5,000 job-holders throughout the country will be affected. The number is considerable considering that Argentina's population is only 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 but even the employees themselves know that great numbers have done absolutely no work and that practically nobody has worked anywhere nearly up to

his maximum capacity.

As an illustration of the manner in which the members of the Irigoyen regime have been "speeding up" the government departments, Minister of Finance Salaberry suddenly dropped into the customs house just after midnight a few days after he was appointed. Such a thing was never before heard of in the whole history of South America.

His Version.
Teacher—What is an engineer, Tommy? Tommy—A man that works an engine. Teacher—That's right. Now, Johnny, what is a pioneer? Johnny—A woman that works a phone—My change.

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"Take Me Away, K." She Said Pitifully.

tions of her day. On Sidney—and in less measure, of course, on K.—fell the real brunt of the disaster. Sidney kept up well until after the funeral, but went down the next day with a low fever.

"Overwork and grief," Doctor Ed said, and sternly forbade the hospital again until Christmas. Morning and evening K. stopped at her door and inquired for her, and morning and evening came Sidney's reply:

"Much better. I'll surely be up tomorrow."

But the days dragged on and she did not get about.

Downstairs, Christine and Palmer had entered on the round of midwinter gaieties. Palmer's "crowd" was a lively one. There were dinners and dances, week-end excursions to country houses. The Street grew accustomed to seeing automobiles stop before the little house at all hours of the night. Johnny Rosenfeld, driving Palmer's car, took to falling asleep at the wheel in broad daylight and voiced his discontent to his mother.

"You never know where you are with them guys," he said briefly. "We start out for half an hour's run in the evening, and get home with the milk wagons. And the more some of them have had to drink, the more they want to drive the machine. If I get a chance, I'm going to beat it while the wind's my way."

But talk as he might, in Johnny

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Barber (entertaining his customer, as usual)—Your hair is getting very gray, sir. Customer—I'm not surprised. Hurry up—Toledo Blade.

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START TO SAVE NOW FOR NEXT CHRISTMAS. THE CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB WILL BE COMPRISED OF A NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHO WILL SAVE WITH THE OBJECT OF HAVING MONEY FOR NEXT CHRISTMAS. THE PLAN OF SAVING AS WE HAVE EVOLVED IT IS EXCEEDINGLY SIMPLE AND EASY. MAKE A SMALL DEPOSIT EACH WEEK OR PAY A MONTH IN ADVANCE AND WHEN THE CLUB MATURES NEXT DECEMBER YOU WILL BE AGREEABLY SURPRISED AT THE SNUG LITTLE SUM YOU HAVE ACCUMULATED, MADE LARGER BY INTEREST ADDED. PLANS TO SUIT EVERY PURSE ARE OFFERED DEPOSITORS. EVERYBODY WELCOME. HERE ARE THREE PLANS THAT WILL APPEAL TO A GOOD MANY PEOPLE.

**Deposit 1c the First Week and Increase the
Deposit 1c Each Week and we will Pay
You \$12.75 with Interest Next Christmas.**

THIS PLAN REQUIRES A DEPOSIT OF 1c THE FIRST WEEK, 2c THE SECOND WEEK, 3c THE THIRD, AND INCREASES THE AMOUNT 1c EACH WEEK. ON DECEMBER 13th, 1917, THERE WILL BE DUE YOU \$12.75 WITH INTEREST.

**Deposit 2c the first week, 4c the next week,
6c the third week and increase the deposit
2c each week and we will pay you \$25.00
with interest for next Christmas.**

THIS PLAN REQUIRES A DEPOSIT OF 2c THE FIRST WEEK, 4c THE SECOND WEEK, 6c THE THIRD WEEK, AND INCREASES THE AMOUNT BY 2c EACH WEEK. ON DECEMBER 13th, 1917, THERE WILL BE DUE YOU \$25.50 WITH INTEREST.

**Deposit 5c the First Week and
Increase the Deposit 5c Per Week
and We Will Pay You \$63.75
With Interest Next Christmas.**

THIS PLAN REQUIRES A DEPOSIT OF 5c THE FIRST WEEK, 10c THE SECOND WEEK AND INCREASES THE AMOUNT BY 5c EACH WEEK. ON DECEMBER 13th, 1917, THERE WILL BE DUE YOU \$63.75 WITH INTEREST.

The three plans mentioned are merely suggestions. You may reverse them if you wish, that is \$2.50, \$1.00 or 50c may be paid in the first week and reduced 5c, 2c or 1c a week until the end of the fifty weeks.

Or here's another plan: \$5.00, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.00, 50c, 25c or 10c may be paid in each week without reduction or increase for the fifty weeks if desired.

INTEREST WILL BE PAID ON DEPOSITS IF THE PAYMENTS ARE KEPT UP PROMPTLY, BUT IF DEPOSITOR FAILS TO KEEP UP PAYMENTS WHEN DUE, YOU WILL RECEIVE AMOUNT PAID IN ONLY, WITHOUT INTEREST.

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